

MEDIA NOTES

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POLAND: DEMONSTRATION, ESPIONAGE CLAIMS

More than 1,000 demonstrators in Warsaw today were dispersed by police using clubs, Reuter reported. Warsaw radio claimed that the city's streets "looked the same as usual" today and that work at factories "is proceeding normally."

Polish and Soviet media continue to play up charges concerning U.S. espionage. Warsaw radio has broadcast alleged recordings of calls from public telephones to the U.S. Embassy revealing U.S. surveillance of local demonstrations, and Polish television this week showed a serial alleging "subversive activities" by Radio Free Europe. Also, Moscow radio's English-language World Service asserted that CIA "drew up an overall scenario for building up tension in Poland long before the events of 1980, to direct activity of antisocialist forces." The radio went on to name alleged CIA agents at U.S. embassies in various other countries.

USSR: MANNED SPACE LAUNCH

The Soviet Union launched the Soyuz T-5 spacecraft today, with cosmonauts Berezhovoy and Lebedev aboard. It will dock with the orbiting Salyut-7 station, Tass said.

USSR: U.S. DISARMAMENT PROPOSAL VIEWED

The first comment by a responsible Soviet official on President Reagan's 9 May speech on arms talks was more positive than the initial Soviet propaganda reaction. Nikolay Shishlin, a second-level official of the Central Committee apparatus, told the Soviet radio audience on 12 May that the President's statement "may be appraised as a possible sign of a saner approach to this problem." Shishlin complained that the President is apparently "attempting to begin everything with a clean slate"--ignoring the SALT II accords--but said the U.S. proposals "are being attentively studied." In contrast, a Tass report in the Soviet press the same day took pains to portray the President's speech as a propaganda ploy that showed "no constructiveness is even being considered in Washington."

USSR: FOOD POLICY 'MILESTONE'

A Soviet party plenum to be held shortly on ways of dealing with the country's continuing food problems will be "an important milestone," according to a high party functionary. The goal of the new agricultural program, the official said, will be to reduce "administrative interventions" and to promote the use of technology. Agricultural experiments tried in Hungary, Bulgaria and East Germany will be taken into account. The remarks were made by Vadim Zagladin, deputy chief of the party Central Committee's International Section, in an interview with the Italian newspaper La Repubblica. Zagladin used the word "reform" in discussing the plenum's expected decisions but later expunged it from the interview text, the paper noted.

FALKLAND ISLANDS DISPUTE

The British Defense Ministry announced today that a third Argentine Sky Hawk jet was shot down on 12 May. This morning there were no reports of further engagements in the Falkland Islands exclusion zone, the London Press Association reported.

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INCOMING

1. Via a multi-addressee memo, the State Executive Secretary advised of an Interagency Group (IG) meeting on the Horn of Africa scheduled for Wednesday, 19 May, at 1000 hours. (ES sent to NIO/AF for action) (S)
2. In response to the DCI's 7 May letter, the Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Commerce, Consumer, and Monetary Affairs, wrote expressing his concerns over the involvement of CIA employees in the conduct of House proceedings and the apparent differences of opinion over standard House practices in dealing with classified materials. (ES sent to D/OEA [] for recommendation to DCI; info copies to DCI, DDCI, ExDir, DDI, and GC) (U)
3. Via a multi-addressee memo, the State Executive Secretary invited CIA participation at a meeting on 14 May, 1000 hours, to discuss NEA's proposals for the FY 84 integrated assistance budget. (ES sent to DDI for action) (U)

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OUTGOING

4. The Executive Director wrote Representative William F. Clinger, Subcommittee on Commerce, Consumer, and Monetary Affairs, thanking him for meeting with him prior to the 6 May Subcommittee hearing on the Neal Amendment to H. Res. 844 and giving him the opportunity to explain our position with regard to protecting the intelligence equities in this issue. The Executive Director also thanked him for the excellent support at the hearing and assured him that we are fully committed to doing whatever is necessary to protect our intelligence sources and methods. (Copies furnished DCI, DDCI, OGC, and LLD) (U)

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